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Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the following reference(s) be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application:

US – 6,352,507 B1 Torp et al. (Serial No. 09/432,061)

US – 6,099,471 Torp et al.

The above-identified reference(s) are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and copies are also enclosed herewith.

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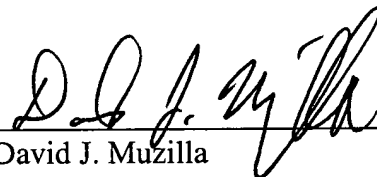
right to take any actions necessary to remove the above-cited references from the available prior art.

Consideration of the above-identified references in the examination of the present patent application is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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